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the total amount of State and local funds actually expended for early intervention services for these children and their families in the most recent preceding fiscal year for which the information is available. Allowance may be made for—

- (1) A decrease in the number of infants and toddlers who are eligible to receive early intervention services under this part; and
- (2)) Unusually large amounts of funds expended for such long-term purposes as the acquisition of equipment and the construction of facilities.
- (c) Requirement regarding indirect costs. (1) Except as provided in paragraph (c)(2) of this section, a lead agency under this part may not charge indirect costs to its part C grant.
- (2) If approved by the lead agency's cognizant Federal agency or by the Secretary, the lead agency must charge indirect costs through either—
- (i) A restricted indirect cost rate that meets the requirements in 34 CFR 76.560 through 76.569; or
- (ii) A cost allocation plan that meets the non-supplanting requirements in paragraph (b) of this section and 34 CFR part 76 of EDGAR.
- (3) In charging indirect costs under paragraph (c)(2)(i) and (c)(2)(ii) of this section, the lead agency may not charge rent, occupancy, or space maintenance costs directly to the part C grant, unless those costs are specifically approved in advance by the Secretary.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1437(b)(5))

§ 303.226 Fiscal control.

The State must ensure that fiscal control and fund accounting procedures will be adopted as necessary to ensure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, Federal funds paid under this part.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1437(b)(6))

$\S\,303.227$ Traditionally underserved groups.

The State must ensure that policies and practices have been adopted to ensure—

- (a) That traditionally underserved groups, including minority, low-income, homeless, and rural families and children with disabilities who are wards of the State, are meaningfully involved in the planning and implementation of all the requirements of this part; and
- (b) That these families have access to culturally competent services within their local geographical areas.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1231d, 1437(b)(7))

SUBSEQUENT APPLICATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS, ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS, AND STANDARD OF DISAPPROVAL

§ 303.228 Subsequent State application and modifications of application.

- (a) Subsequent State application. If a State has on file with the Secretary a policy, procedure, method, or assurance that demonstrates that the State meets an application requirement in this part, including any policy, procedure, method, or assurance filed under this part (as in effect before the date of enactment of the Act, December 3, 2004), the Secretary considers the State to have met that requirement for purposes of receiving a grant under this part.
- (b) Modification of application. An application submitted by a State that meets the requirements of this part remains in effect until the State submits to the Secretary such modifications as the State determines necessary. This section applies to a modification of an application to the same extent and in the same manner as this paragraph applies to the original application.
- (c) Modifications required by the Secretary. The Secretary may require a State to modify its application under this part to the extent necessary to ensure the State's compliance with this part if—
- (1) An amendment is made to the Act or to a Federal regulation issued under the Act:
- (2) A new interpretation of the Act is made by a Federal court or the State's highest court; or